

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the U.S. Peace Corps has become a strong symbol of our nation's commitment to progress, to create opportunity, and to expand development throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, more than 800 Idahoans have served our nation by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, American Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of 135 other countries; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Returned Volunteers, enriched by their work and life overseas, have brought to their communities throughout the state a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions; and

WHEREAS, today's 7,300 Peace Corps Volunteers-working in 75 countries as teachers, environmental specialists, health workers, business developers and agriculture advisors-demonstrate generosity, service, civic pride, a strong work ethic, and a dedication to the cause of peace with development; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Peace Corps family does everything it can to wage peace through tolerance and understanding, within our borders, as well as throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps in its 41st year, and honor our current and past volunteers, and to reaffirm our state's commitment to tolerance and understanding as demonstrated by our Volunteers' examples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2002 to be

PEACE CORPS DAY

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

PETE T. CENARRUSA SECRETARY OF STATE